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ECUADORIAN FELON DEPORTED TO HOME COUNTRY BY ICE

Felon's convictions included 3 counts of lewd and lascivious battery on a minor under 12 years of age

MIAMI- A 22-year-old Ecuadorian national with convictions ranging from 3 counts of lewd and lascivious battery on a minor under 12 years of age and ecstasy trafficking was deported Monday to his home country by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention and removal officers.

Alain Marcovici entered the country in 2001 and adjusted his status in 2002 to an F1 student. ICE placed him into removal proceedings based on his numerous criminal convictions.

Marcovici was found ineligible for any form of immigration relief and ordered removed by an immigration judge on June 9, 2005. Marcovici is now barred from ever returning to the United States.

"Marcovici forfeited his privilege to study in this country the moment he hurt an innocent child," said Michael Rozos, field office director for detention and removal in Florida. "We have zero tolerance for those who prey on children. You will be found and deported."

The Office of Detention and Removal (DRO) focuses on promoting public safety and national security by ensuring that all aliens who are subject to deportation are removed from the United States as expeditiously as possible.

Last year, ICE removed a record setting 160,000 aliens; approximately 53 percent were criminal aliens. ICE's Florida field office has removed 1,617 aliens since the beginning of Fiscal Year 05; 862 were criminal aliens.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.